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FROM OPIC

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV

SUBJECT: OPIC ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM - CABOT  
CORPORATION AND B. F. GOODRICH

1. IN KEEPING WITH THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT TO MONITOR  
INSURED INVESTMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OPIC IS  
CURRENTLY EVALUATING A SELECTED NUMBER OF PROJECTS IN A  
VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES AND COUNTRIES. AS THE OPERATION OF  
CABOT'S IRAN CARBON COMPANY'S AHWAZ CARBON BLACK PLANT AND  
B. F. GOODRICH'S ABADAN PETROCHEMICAL COMPANY'S PVC AND  
OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVE A NUMBER OF RECOGNIZED ENVIRON-  
MENTAL HAZARDS FOR WHICH APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDS WERE CON-  
TEMPLATED, OPIC REQUESTS THE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN  
OBTAINING AS MUCH OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE.

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A. DOES THE EMBASSY HAVE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT  
THE PROJECTS ARE NOT MAKING CONCERNED EFFORTS TO PROTECT  
THE ENVIRONMENT OR ARE NOT COMPLYING WITH GOI LAWS AND  
REGULATIONS IN THIS REGARD?

B. HAVE THERE BEEN ANY DISPUTES BETWEEN THE TWO  
PROJECTS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND/OR LOCAL CITIZENRY

OVER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES? ARE THERE RECENT OR PENDING  
STATUTES OR REGULATIONS THAT MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT EITHER

PROJECT'S OPERATIONS?

C. WHAT IS THE GENERAL PUBLIC IMAGE OF THESE TWO  
PROJECTS WITH REGARD TO THE PROTECTION OR ABUSE OF THE  
ENVIRONMENT?

D. ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION OF WHICH EMBASSY  
OFFICERS MAY BE AWARE.

2. FYI: OPIC HAS WRITTEN TO THE PROJECTS' SPONSORS IN  
THE U. S. AS PART OF OUR MONITORING OF THESE PROJECTS.

3. THE OPIC ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM IS AN OPEN-  
MINDED ATTEMPT TO OBSERVE AND EVALUATE THE IMPACT, IF ANY,  
OF OPIC-SUPPORTED U. S. PRIVATE INVESTMENT ON THE ENVIRON-  
MENT OF THE HOST COUNTRY. THIS WILL BE AN ON-GOING  
PROGRAM OF INCREASING IMPORTANCE THAT MAY INVOLVE ON-SITE  
INSPECTIONS AND MEETINGS WITH EMBASSY PERSONNEL. OPIC  
APPRECIATES EMBASSY ASSISTANCE AND WELCOMES ANY COMMENTS  
ON THIS PROGRAM AND/OR THESE PROJECTS.

4. OPIC DOES NOT INTEND TO SUGGEST ON-SITE INSPECTION IS  
REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSES OF REPLYING TO THIS MESSAGE.  
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RATHER, POST MAY USE ITS DISCRETION AND IF JUDGED  
ADEQUATE, SHOULD DRAW ON ITS FILES AND OTHER READILY  
AVAILABLE INFORMATION IN DEVELOPING REPLY. WHILE OPIC  
DOES NOT INTEND TO BURDEN POST WITH THIS REQUEST, REPLY  
BY MID-JUNE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. CHRISTOPHER

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